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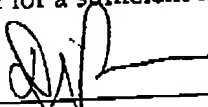
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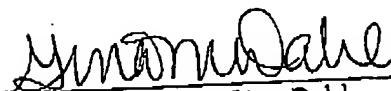
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Filed:	November 21, 2003	Docket No.:	10873.1333USW1
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